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SUBSTANCE ABUSE CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Friday, July 16, 2004

Members Present: Michael Salazar, Jim Roth, Del Worley, Geri Sosa

Members Absent: Diane Pruetz

Staff Present: Debra Rinaudo, Marc Harris, Mary Wilson

Public Present: Heather Watkinson, Zachary Whaley, Elizabeth Tilousi

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order on July 16, 2004, at 9:10 a.m. with Mr. Salazar presiding.

2. Roll Call

See above.

3. Review and Approval of Minutes

Mr. Roth moved, seconded by Ms. Sosa, to approve the general meeting minutes from June 28, 2004, as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Review, consideration and action of complaints and other disciplinary matters

A. 2003-0033, Elizabeth Tilousi, SA-10422

Mr. Martin summarized the facts of the complaint and results of the investigation. Ms. Tilousi appeared in person.

Following review and discussion by members, Mr. Roth moved, seconded by Ms. Sosa, to recommend to the Board to dismiss the complaint as unsubstantiated. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Patricia Rzonca, SA-10458

Mr. Salazar recused himself from all matters involving Ms. Rzonca.

Mr. Martin reviewed the stipulations of the consent agreement and reported that they have been met.

Following discussion by members, Mr. Roth moved, seconded by Ms. Sosa, to recommend to the Board to release Ms. Rzonca from the terms of her consent agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Zachary Whaley, SA-0042

Mr. Salazar recused himself from all matters involving Mr. Whaley.

Mr. Martin summarized the facts regarding Mr. Whaley's failure to provide monthly supervision reports as required pursuant to the supervisee's consent agreement with the Board. The supervisee was found to be out of compliance with the stipulations of her consent agreement because Mr. Whaley did not submit his supervision reports in a timely manner.

Mr. Whaley appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following discussion, members agreed not to open a complaint against Mr. Whaley at this time.

D. Susan Rambo-Brown, SA-0196

Committee members moved to open a complaint. See agenda item number 10.

5. Report from the Chair and items for review, consideration, and possible action

A. Degree and course content requirements

Ms. Rinaudo reviewed the curriculum requirements and rules under the three levels of licensure.

Ms. Rianudo advised members to review the new rules carefully and encouraged committee discussions when questions arise when reviewing files.

6. Report from the Executive Director and/or staff

A. General Agency Operations

Ms. Rinaudo reported that the judge granted the State's motion to dismiss the lawsuit filed by the Arizona Counselors for Fair Licensure. That same entity filed another lawsuit against the Board the day after the dismissal of its first lawsuit.

B. Update on licensure

Ms. Rinaudo reported that all licenses have been mailed.

7. Report from the Board and other committees

No report.

8. National and regional trends and news regarding the profession(s)

None

9. Review, consideration and action of supervision/work experience and/or exemptions

None

10. Review, consideration and action regarding renewals

A. Susan Rambo-Brown

Mr. Martin reported that the professional has not responded to requests for documentation of the continuing education activities that she claimed on her renewal application. Ms. Rambo-Brown was noticed, but did not appear. Ms. Rambo-Brown has stated she has no documentation and wants to let her certification lapse.

Following review and discussion, Ms. Worley moved, seconded by Mr. Roth, to open a complaint regarding a possible violation of A.R.S. §32-3251(10)(b), the use of fraud or deceit in establishing qualifications, and A.R.S. §32-3251(10)(l) refusing or neglecting to comply with rules adopted pursuant to this chapter, as it relates to R4-6-802 and 803, which require that the professional maintain continuing education documentation for 48 months after submission, based on the professional reporting completion of continuing education activities that she cannot document. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Review, consideration and action of consent agenda for applications for inactive, extension and exam accommodation requests

Mr. Roth moved, seconded by Ms. Sosa, to approve the consent agenda reviewed by Ms. Worley, granting 60-day extensions to Michael Parsons, Silena Yazzie, Nelson Brown, Clothilda Nez, Nancita Nez, Laraine Tsosie, Kirk Etsitty and Jackie Curtis. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Review, consideration and action of applications for reassessment

A. Steve Kanelos

Following review and discussion, Mr. Salazar moved, seconded by Ms. Worley, to deny the reassessment based on no documentation of meeting the minimum requirement for supervised work experience. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Review, consideration and action of applications for certification

Appeals

Ronald Sandoval

The committee agreed that the applicant meets minimum requirements based on additional information submitted.

Frazier Wilson

The committee agreed that the applicant meets minimum requirements based on additional information submitted.

Janice Goode

The committee agreed that the applicant meets minimum requirements based on additional information submitted.

Jessie Parker

Ms. Rinaudo reviewed the documentation submitted by the professional regarding the curriculum deficiencies.

Following review and discussion by committee members, Ms. Worley moved, seconded by Ms. Sosa, to accept PSY380 and deny the appeal based on the professional's failure to submit documentation establishing that his degree meets minimum requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

Diane DeGeorge

The committee agreed that the applicant meets minimum requirements based on additional information submitted.

Jasmine Trimeloni

The committee agreed that the applicant meets minimum requirements based on additional information submitted.

The committee took a break from 10:10 a.m. reconvening at 10:18 a.m.

Erin Yoxall

Ms. Rinaudo reviewed the documentation submitted by the professional regarding the curriculum deficiencies.

Following review and discussion by committee members, Mr. Roth moved, seconded by Ms. Worley, to accept a total of 15 semester hours from the professional's degree and deny the appeal based on the professional's failure to submit documentation indicating that her degree meets minimum requirements. The motion passed unanimously

Georgia Dovel

The committee agreed that the applicant meets minimum requirements based on additional information submitted.

Seth Johnson

The committee agreed that the applicant meets minimum requirements based on additional information submitted.

Stacie Barkin

The committee agreed that the applicant meets minimum requirements based on additional information submitted.

Ms. Pruetz moved, seconded by Ms. Sosa, to recommend the following 7 applicants to the Board for approval as Licensed Independent Substance Abuse Counselors pursuant to their successful appeals on the denial of their certification applications:

Ronald Sandoval
Frazier Wilson

Georgia Dovel
Janice Goode

Stacie Barkin
Jasmine Trimeloni

Seth Johnson

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Sosa moved, seconded by Ms. Worley, to recommend to the Board to approve Diane DeGeorge as a Licensed Independent Substance Abuse Counselors pursuant to her successful appeal on the denial of her certification applications. The motion carried with Mr. Roth abstaining.

Mr. Sosa moved, seconded by Mr. Roth, to recommend to the Board to approve Angela Berry as a Licensed Substance Abuse Technician. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Future agenda items

Discussion of degree and course requirements

15. Call for public comment

None

16. Establishment of future meeting date(s)

The next meeting is scheduled for August 20, 2004, at 9:00 a.m. in room B-2.

Members discussed moving the September meeting because of conflicting schedules. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, September 13, 2004, at 9 a.m.

17. Adjournment

Ms. Worley moved, seconded by Ms. Sosa, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Del Worley
Secretary/Treasurer

Date